

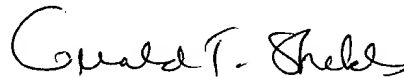
REMARKS

In the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner has indicated that the application was in condition for allowance except for certain formal matters. By the above amendments, Applicant has submitted a new abstract in proper form. Further, a heading has been inserted into the specification for each section as the Examiner has required.

Applicant hereby requests reconsideration and re-examination thereof.

With the above amendments and the remarks, this application is considered ready for allowance, and Applicants earnestly solicit an early notice of same. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the subject application, he is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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